

Jericho Conservation Commission
Minutes
Jan. 13, 2016

Members Present: Josh Benes, Brian Swisher, Ann Kroll-Lerner, Mary Neighbours, Karina Dailey, Laura Vallett, Tom Baribault (chair)

Since Phyllis Gray has resigned, there was discussion of a stone bench at Mobb's Farm to honor her. Tom will contact Chris Cleary about stones and cost, Mary will contact Peter about a favorite spot, and Karina and/or Laura will talk with the Mobbs Committee for permission.

Josh announced that he will be resigning in May, Brian and Ann will remain on the Commission. Everyone is to solicit new members since we will be down 2 members.

The Town Plan has been accepted and passed by the Selectboard, including all our changes and edits of Chapt. 4, the Natural Resources chapter.

For the Land Use and Zoning Regs, Katherine Sonnick, the Town Planner, had some questions in reply to the latest JCC version of the Table of Uses for the Natural Resources Overlay District. After discussion of the section in question (6.7.1) Karina will write up JCC revisions and reply to Katherine. The "Natural Resources Review" that the JCC is advocating in the Table of Uses for the Overlay District cannot be done by State biologists as suggested by the Planning Commission – no money or personnel. Liz and Mary will get together before next meeting and revise the format of the Table to comply with the other tables in the Zoning Regs.

Danielle Ozwarski, the new Lamoille Watershed Planner would like to meet with interested groups. Karina will contact to find a time and date.

DRB hearings – The 2 requests involve the temporary Park and Ride in Jericho, and whether an accessory apartment proposal on Barber Farm that requires a conditional use be considered a "subdivision" There were no issues for comment by the JCC in either case.

Preliminary discussion of the Natural Places of Jericho for 2016 was discussed. Suggestions:

May – Work with new Science teacher at Browns River Middle School on the Japanese knotweed problem along Browns River near Mills Riverside Park. Coincident with Green-Up Day.

June – Geology of Jericho with a glacial geologist

July

Wildlife Crossings as defined on 3-tiered map. Josh will investigate signage to place in trouble spots.

Next meeting – Feb. 10